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Subject: Thoughts on NIC Staff

1. I see some difficulty with the specification of the non-regional specialists. What qualification or combination of qualifications should they have?

2. In the case of the military affairs specialists we should probably want them not only to be familiar with large ranges of military problems but also capable of coping with politico-military implications.

3. Do we really need two specialists on science and technology? How many interagency estimates are going to be concerned with this field (other than the military and nuclear-proliferation ones)? How would these specialists interact with the others? (If one is enough, I would add a specialist in international relations analysis who would be able to tackle global political-economic problems.)

4. What sort of economist should we want? Probably not just a technically good international economist but someone like who has a clear understanding of what is going on in the world economy and, in the fashion of a political economist, appreciates the political implications of events and trends in the world economy.

5. Regarding energy, OER has lots of economic specialists and what is needed is someone who is expert on the politico-economic problems.

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